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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:
David Murray Melrose

Serial No.: 09/689,957

Group Art Unit: 3727

Filed: October 12, 2000

Examiner: (to be assigned)

For: A CONTAINER HAVING
PRESSURE RESPONSIVE
PANELS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to the first Office Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the claims:

Please add the claims 27-64 as follows:

--27. (new) A container suitable for containing liquid and having at least one controlled deflection flex panel for accommodating pressure change induced in the container, said flex panel having longitudinal and transverse extents defining a plane of said flex panel, said flex panel having a flexure region with a projection extending outwardly relative to said plane and a flexure initiator region with a projection extending outwardly relative to said plane to a lesser extent than said projection of said flexure region, said projections merging together so that said initiator region can flex inwardly relative to said plane in response to pressure changes and cause said flexure region to progressively flex in response to increasing pressure change in the container.--

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